

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

APRIL 10, 2007

REGULAR MEETING

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in regular session with the following members present: Chairman Bill Williams, Vice Chairman Jerry W. Barnes, and Commissioners Carmen L. McLemore, Billy E. Traylor, and Nathan Peters, Jr.

Others present were: County Attorney Timothy McFarland, Clerk Finance Officer Carla Hand, Deputy Clerk Kari Summers, Chief Administrator Don Butler, E.D.C. Director Alan McNair, Emergency Management Director Marshall Nelson, Grant Writer Loretta Costin, Gulf County E.M.S. Director Shane McGuffin, Human Resources Director Denise Manuel, Planner David Richardson, Solid Waste Director Joe Danford, T.D.C. Director Paula Pickett, Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Ricky Tolbert, and Sheriff's Office Major Joe Nugent.

Major Nugent called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., E.T.

Commissioner Barnes opened the meeting with prayer, and Chairman Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

GULF COUNTY MOMENT

Eugene Raffield, Vice President of Raffield Fisheries, appeared before the Board and presented the "Gulf County Moment". He discussed that Raffield Fisheries originated in the mid-1800's with four Raffield brothers that came from Ireland to Savannah, Georgia. Mr. Raffield discussed that Charles Jackson Raffield began to trade produce in the Panama City area, stating that he hauled salted fish back to Georgia to sell, and decided he wanted to be a fisherman. He then moved to what is now Tyndall Air Force Base, learned how to fish, built his own boat, and learned to make his nets. He caught mullet and mackerel, which he salted, packed and hauled to Georgia for trade. This tradition was passed on to his son Clayton Raffield, who became a successful fisherman in the area, and he taught the trade to his son, Carl Jackson Raffield. Mr. Raffield discussed that Carl Jackson Raffield had four sons - Gene, Harold, Ronnie, and Danny, and in 1961, Carl, Gene and Harold opened Raffield Fisheries where it is located today. He discussed expansion in the early 1980's to include building boats, their own welding shop, net facility, and dry docks, but after fourteen years, new regulations brought the boat-building and dry dock facility to an end. Mr. Raffield stated that he, Randy and Joey (sons of Gene and Harold) became a part of the business in the 1980's. He discussed that in 1994 the Net Ban was one of the greatest challenges they ever faced, stating that it reduced their production by 70%. Mr. Raffield discussed that Raffield Fisheries currently employees 30-45 people, they run three purse-seine boats inshore, they have one trawl boat offshore, they have an import business, and they catch jellyfish and export them to Japan, Korea, Taiwan and China. He discussed that they provide bait fish all over the United States and to other Countries, and they are proud to have served Gulf County from 1898-2007.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Peters motioned to approve the following Consent Agenda items. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, based on corrections to the minutes (Item #1 - Page 7) regarding the change order amounts on the Courthouse Roof and (Item #1-Page 8) Road Bond Paving Project (Bid #0607-11). Dannie Bolden, Gulf County C.D.C. Director and John Tremont, S.H.I.P. Program Manager, appeared before the Board and discussed Item #2 (Page 42) regarding the letter addressed to Mel Magidson, stating that the issue with Mary Clayton was brought before the Board and the Board made the decision not to approve subordination of S.H.I.P. funds where there is cash-out, and that is what happened with this individual. Commissioner Peters discussed that he met with Chief Administrator Butler and the records reflected that this happened before that time. Chief Administrator Butler discussed that one complaint was in 1999 and the other complaint was in 2004 (the Board policy was put in place in 2000), and the two individuals that filed complaints stated that their promissory note and the mortgage agreement did not indicate that they could not cash out. He discussed that the purpose of this letter is to ask Gulf County C.D.C. to make sure all of this is in order. Mr. Bolden discussed that the contention of Gulf County C.D.C. is that in 2000 the decision was made by the Board, and they were following the guidelines set forth by the Board. He also discussed Item #2 (Page 43) regarding the Local Housing Assistance Plan, stating that they have all the items listed in the letter in place. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Peters regarding the members of the Local Housing Assistance Plan, Gulf County C.D.C. Director Bolden stated that he will furnish a list of the committee members to the Board. Chairman Williams discussed that this is the procedure for the Commissioners, stating that they have to place items in the Consent Agenda or in the Information packet to be brought before the Board. This being agreeable, the motion did then pass unanimously.

1. Minutes - March 13, 2007 - Special Meeting
 - March 13, 2007 - Regular Meeting
 - March 19, 2007 - Special Meeting
 - March 21, 2007 - Emergency Meeting
 - March 22, 2007 - Special Meeting
 - March 27, 2007 - Regular Meeting
2. B.C.C. Correspondence - Gulf County C.D.C. (S.H.I.P. Program Refinancing)
BCC Correspondence/District 4 - Gulf County C.D.C. (Local Housing Assistance Plan)
3. Bid Advertisement - Gulf County Beaches and White City Fire Departments (Two Class A Pumps)
4. Budget Amendment #1 - Special Projects (General Fund * \$1,119.00 Increase * Turkeys/Hams) as follows:

**Budget Amendment
#1
General Fund**

	Original Budget	Increase	Decrease	Amended Budget
BOCC:				
21111-49000 Other Current Charges	\$ 2,972.00	\$1,119.00	\$ 0.00	\$4,091.00

Parks & Recreation:				
57072-52100 Gas, Oil, & Lubricants	\$12,200.00	\$ 0.00	\$1,119.00	\$11,081.00

Budget Amendment #2 - Insurance (General Fund * \$123,227.00 Increase
* Liability and Property Insurance Increase) as follows:

General Fund		Budget Amendment #2			
		Original Budget	Increase	Decrease	Amended Budget
BOCC:					
21111-45000 Ins:C.H.,Bonds,Amb,Liab.		\$270,388.00	\$123,227.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 393,615.00
Reserve - General Fund:					
99984-95000 Reserve For Contingencies		\$201,756.00	\$ 0.00	\$123,227.00	\$78,529.00

Budget Amendment #3 - Tax Collector/Property Appraiser (General Fund *
\$20,000.00 Increase * New Computer System) as follows:

General Fund		Budget Amendment #3			
		Original Budget	Increase	Decrease	Amended Budget
Tax Collector:					
22213-00000 Transfer to Tax Collector		\$425,232.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 438,232.00
Property Appraiser:					
22113-00000 Transfer to Property Appr		\$395,843.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 402,843.00
Reserve - General Fund:					
99984-95000 Reserve For Contingencies		\$78,529.00	\$ 0.00	\$20,000.00	\$ 58,529.00

Budget Amendment #4 - Healthcare (Hospital Fund * \$15,000.00 Increase
* Health Department Walk-In Clinic Deficit) as follows:

**Budget Amendment
#4
Hospital Fund**

Original	Amended
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	Budget	Increase	Decrease	Budget
Healthcare:				
51262-81000 Aid to Govrn Agency	\$ 0.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 15,000.00

Reserve - Hospital Fund:				
B9984-95000 Reserve For Contingencies	\$591,825.00	\$ 0.00	\$15,000.00	\$ 576,825.00

Budget Amendment #5 - Public Defender (General Fund * \$3,429.00 Increase * Office Relocation Costs) as follows:

**Budget Amendment
#5
General Fund**

	Original Budget	Increase	Decrease	Amended Budget
Public Defender:				
60003-41000 Communications	\$ 3,454.00	\$ 3,429.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,883.00
Reserve - General Fund:				
99984-95000 Reserve For Contingencies	\$58,529.00	\$ 0.00	\$3,429.00	\$ 55,100.00

Budget Amendment #6 - Wewahitchka E.M.S. (General Fund * \$1,000.00 Increase * Medical Director Contract) as follows:

**Budget Amendment
#6
General Fund**

	Original Budget	Increase	Decrease	Amended Budget
Wewa EMS:				
51526-34000 Other Contractual Srvs	\$210,699.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 211,699.00

Reserve - General Fund:				
99984-95000 Reserve For Contingencies	\$ 55,100.00	\$ 0.00	\$1,000.00	\$ 54,100.00

Budget Amendment #7 - G.I.S. Mapping (General Fund * \$10,987.00 * Line Item Changes) as follows:

**Budget Amendment
#7
General Fund**

Original Budget	Amended Increase	Decrease	Budget
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GIS Mapping:

27615-34000 Other Contractual Svcs	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,431.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,431.00
27615-40000 Travel & Per Diem	\$ 4,044.00	\$ 2,556.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,600.00
27615-46200 Repair & Maint-Equip	\$10,160.00	\$ 0.00	\$2,500.00	\$ 7,660.00
27615-52000 Operating Supplies	\$13,577.00	\$ 0.00	\$4,537.00	\$ 9,040.00
27615-54100 Education Costs	\$ 7,600.00	\$ 0.00	\$3,300.00	\$ 4,300.00
27615-64000 Equipment	\$ 3,350.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 2,700.00

Budget Amendment #8 - B.O.C.C. (General Fund * \$8,100.00 Increase * Audit Contract vs. Original Budget) as follows:

**Budget Amendment
#8
General Fund**

	Original Budget	Increase	Decrease	Amended Budget
BOCC:				
21111-32000 Auditing	\$ 82,400.00	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 90,500.00

Reserve - General Fund:

99984-95000 Reserve For Contingencies	\$54,100.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 46,000.00
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Budget Amendment #9 - Law Enforcement (Fine & Forfeiture Fund * \$20,838.00 * Insurance Changes) as follows:

**Budget Amendment
#9
Fine & Forfeiture Fund**

	Original Budget	Increase	Decrease	Amended Budget
Law Enforcement:				
F3121-00000 Transfer to Sheriff	\$2,273,177.00	\$20,838.00	\$ 0.00	\$2,294,015.00
F3121-23000 Life, Health, & Dental Ins	\$ 349,370.00	\$ 0.00	\$20,838.00	\$ 328,532.00

Budget Amendment #10 - B.O.C.C. (General Fund * \$19,500.00 Increase * Audit Fees Charged in Excess of Contract) as follows:

**Budget Amendment
#10
General Fund**

	Original Budget	Increase	Decrease	Amended Budget
BOCC:				

21111-32000 Auditing	\$ 90,500.00	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 110,000.00
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Reserve - General Fund:

99984-95000 Reserve For Contingencies	\$46,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 26,500.00
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5. Invoices - Cathey Construction & Development - Courthouse Roof (Invoice #4 * \$72,286.37 * to be paid from Account #71012- 62100)
 - County Attorney Timothy McFarland (March, 2007 * \$10,677.00 * to be paid from Account #21314-31100)
 - G.A.C. Contractors, Inc. - Money Bayou Crossing (Invoice #4758 * \$18,165.07 * to be paid from Account #40341-53000)
 - Garlick Environmental Associates, Inc. - 200 Acres in Honeyville (Invoice #3445 * \$8,215.00 * to be reimbursed by The St. Joe Company)
 - Gulf County C.D.C. - S.H.I.P. Program Expenses (\$1,000.00)
 - Keith L. Jones, C.P.A. - Auditing Services (Invoice #652 * \$16,500.00 * to be paid from Account #21111-32000)
6. Proposal - Engineers - Honeyville Community Center Sewer Project (\$78,150.00)
7. Resolution - Budget Amendment (Unanticipated Revenue * Teen Court * Fine and Forfeiture * \$4,000.00) as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2007- 05

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, has received unanticipated revenue in the Fine & Forfeiture Fund for fiscal year 2006-2007; and

WHEREAS, said revenue is needed to help pay certain expenditures incurred in fiscal year 2006-2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The 2006-2007 fiscal year budget is amended as follows:

FINE & FORFEITURE FUND

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>
REVENUES:			
Contributions & Donations:			
00266-92000 Contributions	\$ -0-	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
EXPENDITURES:			
Teen Court:			
68989-34000 Other Contr. Srvs	\$ -0-	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners this 10th day of April, 2007.

(End)

- Budget Amendment (Unanticipated Revenue * General Fund * State Grant \$110,000.00 / Federal Grant \$36,745.00) as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-06

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, has received unanticipated grant revenue in the General Fund for fiscal year 2006-2007; and

WHEREAS, said revenue is needed to help pay certain expenditures incurred in fiscal year 2006-2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The 2006-2007 fiscal year budget is amended as follows:

GENERAL FUND

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>
REVENUES:			
State Grant:			
00134-79600 Boating Improvement	\$ -0-	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
00134-70002 Special Waterways	\$ -0-	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000
Federal Grant:			
00131-20001 Homeland Security	\$ -0-	\$ 36,745	\$ 36,745
EXPENDITURES:			
FI Boating Impr Program:			
41779-63000 Infrastructure	\$ 44,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 119,000
Special Waterways Projects:			
25372-64000 Equipment	\$ -0-	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200
25372-63000 Infrastructure	\$ -0-	\$ 33,800	\$ 33,800
Emergency Management			
39125-34000 Other Contr Srv	\$ -0-	\$ 36,745	\$ 36,745

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners this 10th day of April, 2007.

(End)

- Budget Amendment (Unanticipated Revenue * T.D.C. Fees *

\$114,526.00) as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-07

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gulf County, Florida, has received unanticipated revenue in the Tourist Development Fund for fiscal year 2006-2007; and

WHEREAS, said revenue is needed to help pay certain expenditures incurred in fiscal year 2006-2007;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The 2006-2007 fiscal year budget is amended as follows:

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT FUND

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>
REVENUES:			
Sales, Use Taxes:			
60012-10001 Taxes resrvd for Beach Renour	\$ -0-	\$114,526	\$ 114,526
EXPENDITURES:			
Beach Renourishment:			
39125-31000 Professional Services	\$ -0-	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
39125-40000 Travel	\$ -0-	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
39125-42000 Postage	\$ -0-	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
39125-47000 Printing	\$ -0-	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
39125-49200 Legal Advertisement	\$ -0-	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
39125-70000 Bond Debt Service	\$ -0-	\$ 79,526	\$ 79,526

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners this 10th of April, 2007.

(End)

8. S.H.I.P. - Purchase Assistance (\$25,000.00 / James and Vickie Lockstead)
9. Tipping Fee Waiver - City of Port St. Joe (Waste from 4th Street and Williams Avenue Parking Lot * \$2,508.60)
10. Travel - 2007 NACo Annual Conference (Greater Richmond, VA * 7/13-17/07)

(End)

PUBLIC HEARING - COURT COST ORDINANCE

Pursuant to advertisement to hold a public hearing to consider adoption of a proposed ordinance imposing a mandatory \$65.00 court cost, County Attorney McFarland read the proposed ordinance by title and called for public comment. There being no public comment, Commissioner Traylor motioned to adopt the following-titled ordinance. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-09

AN ORDINANCE OF GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA IMPOSING A MANDATORY \$65.00 COURT COST ON ANY PERSON WHO PLEADS GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDRE TO OR IS FOUND GUILTY OF, ANY FELONY, MISDEMEANOR OR CRIMINAL TRAFFIC OFFENSE UNDER THE LAWS OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR A STATUTORY ALLOCATION OF THE AMOUNT COLLECTED; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Complete Ordinance on file with Clerk

SAND AGREEMENT - APALACHICOLA RIVER

County Attorney McFarland discussed a proposed agreement for sand removal on the Apalachicola River, and requested permission for the Chairman to sign the agreement. Commissioner Peters motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

FLORIDA BOATING IMPROVEMENT GRANT

Grant Writer Costin discussed the Florida Boating Improvement grant, and requested site locations from the Board for which to apply. Commissioner Barnes motioned to submit Depot Creek, contingent upon St. Joe Company leasing the property to the County. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Upon inquiry by Commissioner McLemore regarding the White City Bulkhead, Chairman Williams discussed that the problem with White City is the improvement versus the actual access, stating that the reason the County was rejected the first time was because it was a repair, not an improvement. Commissioner McLemore motioned to submit White City Park. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

FIREFIGHTERS ASSISTANCE GRANT

Grant Writer Costin discussed a proposed firefighters assistance grant, stating that this is for fire departments and E.M.S. for operations and safety, and requested permission to write one or more applications depending on the needs of the County fire departments. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

FLORIDA FOREVER GRANT

Grant Writer Costin discussed the Florida Forever grant available through the Florida Community Trust (which is State funding to purchase land for conservation or outdoor recreation), and requested permission to apply for this grant. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve this request. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

V.M.S. / STATE ROADS

Major Nugent discussed ongoing problems with V.M.S., stating that they called to request flashing signs during a fire, and V.M.S. did not show up with the signs until the next day. He discussed that nobody is sure what V.M.S.'s responsibilities are at this time. Commissioner Barnes discussed that he talked to a representative of V.M.S. at the road block, and thanked the Sheriff's Department and Fish & Wildlife Commission for their outstanding job of re-routing the traffic. Chairman Williams requested that Chief Administrator Butler meet with V.M.S. and review their contract.

PROPOSALS - DEBRIS MANAGEMENT

Solid Waste Director Danford requested permission for he and Emergency Management Director Nelson to advertise to receive proposals for a company to perform debris management during disasters. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ACCESS AGREEMENT / LANDFILL ASSESSMENT

Solid Waste Director Danford discussed an access agreement between Gulf County and St. Joe Corporation to allow the County to perform a contamination assessment at Five Points Landfill and requested approval from the Board. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve execution of this agreement. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

AMERICAN MOSQUITO CONTROL ASSOCIATION MEETING

Solid Waste Director Danford discussed that he and Mosquito Control Director Cothran attended the American Mosquito Control Association meeting, stating that on Wednesday there was a field day, and Gulf County placed third place in the field day. Commissioner Traylor motioned for the Board to submit a letter of commendation to the Mosquito Control Department. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

AWARD BID #0607-15 - GULF COUNTY VISITOR'S GUIDE PRINTING

Upon recommendation by T.D.C. Director Pickett, Commissioner Traylor motioned to award Bid #0607-15 (Gulf County Visitor's Guide Printing) to Ramsey's Printing & Office Products, in the amount of \$17,330.00. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

AWARD BID #0607-16 / RENOVATIONS - GULF COUNTY WELCOME CENTER

Upon recommendation by T.D.C. Director Pickett, Commissioner Traylor motioned to award Bid #0607-16 (Renovations to Gulf County Welcome Center) to Windolf Construction, in the amount of \$573,613.42 (only bid), contingent upon financing. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

BIDS / FINANCING - GULF COUNTY WELCOME CENTER RENOVATIONS

Upon recommendation by T.D.C. Director Pickett, Commissioner Traylor motioned to advertise to receive sealed bids for financing of the Gulf County Welcome Center renovations. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REPORT (E.A.R.)

Planner Richardson reminded the Board that he needs their comments regarding the E.A.R. because the deadline for submission is approaching.

HOUSE BILL 360 / COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Planner Richardson requested that the Board address the Capital Improvements Schedule and financial feasibility in relation to H.B. 360 during the upcoming budget session.

MUTUAL AID - FRANKLIN COUNTY

Emergency Management Director Nelson discussed that Gulf County provided mutual aid to Franklin County over the weekend in containing a woods fire, and he stated that the main problem was obtaining signs from V.M.S. He also thanked the Sheriff's Department, Dispatchers, and Public Works Director Shearer for assistance in placement of the signs.

COASTAL CONSTRUCTION CONTROL LINE

Chief Administrator Butler requested permission for the group who met with the Representatives regarding the proposed movement of the C.C.C.L. and the thirty-year erosion line to travel to Tallahassee to meet with the Governor regarding these issues. Commissioner Barnes motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

MOTOROLA MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Chief Administrator Butler requested permission for the Chairman to sign the Motorola Maintenance Agreement for the Jail, in the amount of \$4,400.00 per year. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Upon inquiry by Chairman Williams, Chief Administrator Butler discussed that the agreement is for the fingerprint machine, and now needs to be between the company and the Board.

INVENTORY - OVERSTREET FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Administrator Butler discussed that he received a letter from the Overstreet Fire Department regarding a 1980 International Transport Fire Truck which they returned to the Division of Forestry (Tag #190-21, Serial #AF192KCA241988), and requested that it be removed from their inventory. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve this request. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

HONEYVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER/STORM SHELTER

Chief Administrator Butler requested approval of a direct purchase for the Honeyville Community Center/Storm Shelter, in the amount of \$14,200.00, for the plumbing fixtures. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

BIDS - BEACH RENOURISHMENT PROJECT

Chief Administrator Butler requested permission to advertise to receive sealed bids for the beach re-nourishment project. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

CITY OF PORT ST. JOE - ANNEXATION

Chief Administrator Butler discussed that he received a letter today from the City of Port St. Joe stating that they are rescinding the ordinance they passed on Tuesday, April 3rd regarding annexation. Chairman Williams requested that this issue be tabled at this time.

ST. JOSEPH BAY HUMANE SOCIETY

Gary Gibbs and Sandy Christy, from the Board of Directors for St. Joseph Bay Humane Society, appeared before the Board and discussed a proposal for the animals that are brought in through the Animal Control Department to be placed in the new Humane Society shelter. Mr. Gibbs requested permission to contact each Commissioner and meet with him on an individual basis to discuss this issue. Sandy Christy discussed that the County leased the land to the Humane Society for fifty years at \$1.00 per year, and requested permission to have a "farmers" type market several days a week to complement the fund raising efforts. County Attorney McFarland discussed that they will have to work this out with the Health Department. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this request, contingent upon approval by the Health Department. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ARTIFICIAL REEF EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE

Commissioner Traylor motioned to appoint David Rich, Jr. (instead of David Rich) to serve on the Artificial Reef Exploratory Committee. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OVERSTREET BOAT RAMP / ROAD BOND FUNDS

Commissioner Traylor discussed that, once the well at the Overstreet Park is done, everything will be completed. Commissioner Traylor then motioned to have 25 loads of dolomite hauled in to fill the parking area, with the costs to be paid from Road Bond funds. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

DEAD LAKES PARK - BLUE GRASS FESTIVAL

Commissioner Traylor reported that a Blue Grass Festival will be held on April 20th and April 21st at Dead Lakes Park (some of the proceeds will go to Wewa Search & Rescue), and he invited everyone to attend.

SHERIFF'S K-9 TRAINING LOCATION

Commissioner Traylor discussed that he has been contacted by Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Greg Cole regarding the location of the K-9 training area. Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Cole appeared before the Board and discussed that they were told they needed to move the location of the K-9 training area. He further discussed that it has been moved to the location behind the Library and Senior Citizens Buildings, and requested permission to stay in this area. Chairman Williams requested that a letter be mailed to the Library and Senior Citizens informing them of the Board's decision to leave the K-9 Training site where it is now located. He also discussed that Lieutenant Cole needs a three-foot deck built in this area for training purposes and the Board agreed for the Maintenance Department to assist with construction of the deck.

S.H.I.P. PROGRAM EXPENSES

Commissioner Peters discussed an invoice on page 64 of the Consent Agenda regarding Gulf County C.D.C. expenses for home-buyer counseling, and requested a copy of the sheets where the individuals sign-in when they attend the class from John Tremont, S.H.I.P. Program Manager.

GULF COUNTY HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Commissioner Peters discussed the Local Housing Advisory Committee meetings, and requested a copy of the meeting minutes for the last six months from John Tremont, S.H.I.P. Program Manager. Mr. Tremont discussed that this is an annual meeting, and the purpose of the meeting was to present the Local Housing Assistance Plan. Commissioner Peters requested that the Board be notified of any meetings held by the Local Housing Assistance Committee.

S.H.I.P. PROGRAM - PURCHASE ASSISTANCE

Commissioner Peters discussed pages 77-80 of the Consent Agenda (purchase assistance for James and Vickie Lockstead), and requested a list of all purchase assistance loans made in each of the five districts for the last three months.

SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT / S.H.I.P. PROGRAM

Commissioner Peters discussed that he was contacted by Kristi Dorman, of Capital City Bank, regarding a subordination agreement for a S.H.I.P. recipient. Chairman Williams discussed the subordination agreement for Robert K. Pitts from Capital City Bank, stating that there were some timing issues, and that he spoke with Gulf County C.D.C. Director Dannie Bolden regarding this issue and he has no problem with this being approved. Commissioner Peters motioned to approve this subordination agreement. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Peters discussed that Kristi Dorman informed him today that Dannie Bolden was rude to her, and that John Tremont did not give her the correct information. Gulf County C.D.C. Director Bolden appeared before the Board and discussed that they deal with every banking organization in the County, and that when an individual brings forth an issue and does not receive what they want, they complain.

SLUDGE HAULING

Commissioner McLemore discussed the sludge that is being hauled into the County, and requested that the Board adopt an ordinance to impose a dumping fee. County Attorney McFarland discussed that he will draft a proposed ordinance to bring before the Board. Commissioner McLemore motioned to begin the process to adopt an ordinance to impose dumping fees for sludge. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Commissioner McLemore discussed that "Relay for Life" will be held on April 13th and April 14th (starting at 6:00 p.m., C.T.) at Honeyville Park, and he invited everyone to attend.

COASTAL CONSTRUCTION CONTROL LINE

Commissioner Barnes thanked the Board for their assistance with the C.C.C.L. and thirty year erosion control line relocation issue, stating that the group did a great job of presenting the information to Senator Lawson and Representative Patronis.

SOUTH GULF COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

County Attorney McFarland discussed that S.G.C.F.D. has received their new fire truck, but the doors on the building are not large enough to allow the truck to be put inside. He requested that the Board waive their bidding process and replace the doors on an emergency basis. Commissioner Barnes motioned to approve this request. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

HOUSE BILL 1069 / SEAGRASSES

Chairman Williams discussed a meeting that was held with some of the commercial businesses that will be adversely affected by H.B. 1069, which will prohibit boats from areas outside of a marked channel (grassflats, etc.). He stated that he and Commissioner Barnes

are trying to schedule a meeting with Senator Lawson and Representative Patronis regarding this issue, and that they will also be meeting with Representative Kendrick (Franklin County). Chairman Williams requested permission for he and Commissioner Barnes to travel to Tallahassee to meet with the Representatives. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION / HOUSE BILL 1069

Chairman Williams requested that County Attorney McFarland draft a proposed resolution to provide to the Legislature opposing H.B.1069 due to the adverse affect it will have on Gulf County. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

JAIL INMATE WORK PROGRAM

Chairman Williams discussed a situation regarding an individual in jail, stating that the prisoner's father wanted him to be allowed work release to earn the money to pay child support. Chairman Williams requested permission to form a Public Safety and Release Program Committee to discuss these issues. Commissioner McLemore motioned to approve this request. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

HIGHLAND VIEW PARK

Chairman Williams discussed progress of the work at Highland View Park (restrooms have not been completed, etc.), and requested permission to obtain a cost estimate on the work necessary to get the park completed. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve this request. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

CITY OF PORT ST. JOE - ANNEXATION

Chairman Williams discussed that he attended the Port St. Joe City Commission meeting to talk to the City regarding the annexation process and working effectively on the planning. He discussed that the City voted 4 to 1 to proceed with their annexation ordinance, but now the County has received a letter stating that the City is withdrawing the annexation ordinance. Chairman Williams requested that the Board proceed with legal action on the specific performance in the original annexation agreement on Windmark Beach to request that the City comply with the specific timetables in the agreement. County Attorney McFarland discussed that the Board previously requested that he file a Writ of Certiorari on the recent City annexation ordinance, stating that the City passed the ordinance but it is incorrect and has to be done over. After further discussion, Chairman Williams passed the Chair to Vice Chairman Barnes, and motioned for the County to file a lawsuit against the City of Port St. Joe for breach of contract. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion for discussion. Commissioner Traylor discussed that there have been several problems with the City of Port St. Joe and that the "timely manner" specified in the agreement has run out. He discussed that no City Official has come before this Board to discuss any of these issues. After further discussion by members of the Board, the motion passed 4 to 1, with Commissioner Peters voting no. Chairman Barnes returned the Chair to Commissioner Williams.

HIGHLAND VIEW WASTE WATER

Raymond Burrows appeared before the Board and discussed that Highland View is currently under a “boil water” notice, and he also inquired about the \$500.00 tap fee required for the new sewer system and what happens if the City does not proceed with the contract. Chairman Williams discussed that if the City does not honor their agreement, the County will take the water system back.

SPECIAL PROJECTS PAYMENT

Michelle Richards appeared before the Board and requested a donation from the Board’s Special Projects funds for the K-9 Team to travel to a competition. Commissioner Traylor motioned for each Commissioner to donate \$250.00. Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner Traylor, the meeting did then adjourn at 7:26 p.m., E.T.

**BILL WILLIAMS
CHAIRMAN**

ATTEST:

**REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**